

COURT WILL HEAR BOLO CASE ARGUMENTS TO-DAY

M. Doyen, Expert Accountant, Refutes Charges Made by Brother of Defendant.

MONSIGNOR REPEATS CHARGE

Priest Declares, Passionately, "The American Government Has Not the Right to Shoot My Innocent Brother."

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, February 12.—All the evidence, testimony and speeches by witnesses in the case of Bolo Pasha, who is on trial for treason, and apparently all the other "affaires" now under investigation before the French court, had been concluded this afternoon, and tomorrow's sitting will open with the arguments of the prosecutor. He will ask that the sentence of death be imposed upon Bolo.

The trial was resumed to-day with M. Doyen, an expert accountant, again on the stand to refute charges made by Monsignor Bolo, brother of the defendant, that Doyen had dishonored himself by falsifying a portion of his original report on Bolo's activities. The witness took exception to the form in which these criticisms were presented by a man who strangely abuses the moral authority conferred on him by the cloth he wears. M. Doyen then reiterated and explained in detail the portions of his report which the prisoner's brother had challenged.

After M. Doyen had testified, Monsignor Bolo again took the stand and reiterated his attacks of yesterday, especially on the authenticity of the telegrams of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, duplicates of which, he insisted, should be produced, rather than to rely on American State Department documents.

When the prosecutor repeated, as on Monday, that the American government could not be questioned, the priest created a scene by asserting passionately, "The American government has not the right to shoot my innocent brother."

Maurice Violette, former Minister of Substantive, testified that the current opinion among parliamentary and ministerial circles in August, 1917, was that no case would be found against Bolo Pasha, and that M. Painleve, then Minister of War, had asserted that the case did not warrant an arrest.

LAST WITNESSES RECOUNT GOOD DEEDS OF DEFENDANT

The last witnesses of the day recounted the good deeds of Bolo Pasha and Darius Porcher, an accountant, who is a co-defendant with Bolo, and also told of the personal leads between the newspaper men for and against Senator Charles Humbert, former owner of the Paris Journal.

The only incident of the day occurred when M. Violette, in testifying, referred to two documents sent in August and September, 1917, by Prosecutor Mornet to Minister of War Painleve.

COURT REFUSES TO ORDER DOCUMENTS PRODUCED

M. Salles, on behalf of Bolo Pasha, demanded that the documents be submitted to the defense, but this was refused by the court, and M. Mornet, salutes then requested of General Dubail, military governor of Paris, permission for the documents to be added to the docket. This request also was refused.

M. Violette said that Minister of War Painleve had informed the council of eleven investigating the question of lifting the parliamentary immunity of former Premier Caillaux for the purpose of taking his testimony in connection with the case that unless additional evidence was obtained from America Bolo could not be arrested. To this statement Prosecutor Mornet replied:

"We readily admit that had America remained neutral we could not have got to the bottom of this case, and other cases, and that Bolo today would be walking the streets free."

In the opinion of prominent lawyers present at the trial, the refusal to turn over the two documents sent by Prosecutor Mornet to M. Painleve may prove a good argument for an appeal to the Court of Cassation if Bolo is convicted.

MERITS OF GREAT VIRGINIA SEAPORT NOW RECOGNIZED

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fore realizing that his government is entering the world war in no half-hearted fashion. He feels that had Senator Chamberlain and his Senate Military Affairs Committee visited Virginia's great seaport, instead of sitting down in Washington, they might have gone there way patriotically rejoicing, for here as nowhere else one breathes an atmosphere of confidence, full of the order maintained in splendid. Although Chief of Police Timothy Mitchell has had his small force of thirty-six men reduced by resignations to thirty, his force is producing excellent results, the military police also having proved splendidly helpful. The two departments work in complete harmony, and disorder is at a minimum. One may spend days in Newport News without thousands of soldiers and civilians, and never meet a man showing the slightest symptoms of intoxication.

bloated, broad-gauged preparedness. Literally there are miles on miles of activities, all having one great end in thought, that of "beating the Kaiser."

The principal military center is Camp Stuart, ideally located overlooking Hampton Roads, just southeast of the city. Here hundreds of barracks have been erected on the standard plan of permanent cantonment construction. A modern system of sewerage has been installed, connected with a sewerage filtration plant, which finally empties into Hampton Roads. Base hospital, camp bakery, amusement and religious centers are provided, the camp being equipped for the comfortable care of thousands of men awaiting embarkation.

North of the city limits is the United States Army remount station, Camp Hill, and still further out the aviation concentration camp, where thousands of the men are stationed, who, in a few months, will be aiding in waging the war in the air on the western front.

East of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, some distance north of the Old Point branch of the railroad, several thousand colored troops are encamped.

A colored contingent, which has been

of great assistance in meeting congested shipping conditions, consists of 2,500 Southern negro stevedores mobilized here promptly when labor troubles and shortages threatened to tie up the loading of ships. These men, clad in a uniform somewhat darker than the regular army khaki, are probably the happiest in the whole government service, singing the old-time negro melodies at their work. Well treated, with short working hours, plenty to eat and a good place to sleep, Uncle Sam's service looks particularly good to them. Many of them from time to time are being sent to the "other side" to do similar work at our French port of debarkation.

GREAT NEW POPULATION TAXES CITY'S RESOURCES

Newport News has had a number of problems to solve as the result of the great influx of population, both soldier and civilian. These problems included those arising from the added tax placed on public utilities by the reason of their being called on to care for the needs of nearly 100,000 people, civilian and military, in Newport News, and its immediate environment, where heretofore, the population had been approximately 25,000. The serious problem of housing the greatly enlarged civilian population, and the further question involving control of the undesirable elements, male and female; care for the unfortunate, the preservation of the public health, the protection of the community, military and industrial, from spy activities, and the entertainment of the soldiers.

With the influx of new people every vacant house was soon filled. Then soon practically every household began to rent rooms, some of them at prices of an exceedingly prosperous amount. However, to the credit of the community and its people, allegations of extortion are not often well founded. Average furnished rooms have been, and are being rented, at from \$1 to \$7 a week, while rooms exceptionally desirable in location are, of course, rented at a considerable higher figure. This question now is not so much one of price as it is of entire lack of accommodations for those coming in or wishing to come. Newport News people themselves are not building any considerable number of houses, fearing that a sudden change in world conditions would, in a few years, leave them housed without profitable tenants. Hence the principal relief from existing conditions, in so far as housing is concerned, must come from construction by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, although the assurance of great activity for several years to come will doubtless furnish means for a reasonable amount of homebuilding.

Conservative estimates indicate that the civilian population of Newport News at this time is in excess of 50,000 people, which is double that of one year ago. It is to be apprehended, however, that government construction work will have been completed in a few months, somewhat easing the housing situation in that direction, although it may well be believed that other activities will continue to give employment to the entire population, even at its present high mark.

HEROIC EFFORTS TO LAY LARGER WATER MAIN

One of the needs of the present situation is an increased water supply. The Newport News Water Company has been making heroic efforts to complete its new pipe line from its lakes near Lee Hill and has only about five miles more of the line to lay before the new and larger main will be ready for service. Meanwhile, the water pressure is low, and in case of a fire of any considerable proportions it becomes necessary to shut off the water supply from Hampton, Old Point and the numerous government activities and industrial and educational establishments in that densely populated area.

The gas plant, too, has been taxed to its capacity, while the street railway and interurban systems have had to struggle manfully to meet the requirements of their situation.

Brigadier-General Grote Hutcherson, in command of the port of embarkation, has cooperated in a most cordial manner with the citizens of the city, and the citizens themselves have exerted themselves in every way possible to make the life of the soldiers at Newport News pleasant. The churches are open all day every day in the week for the use of the soldiers, the Y. M. C. A. keeps open house perpetually, entertainments for their benefit are frequent, and the doors of hundreds of homes are thrown open from time to time to the home-sick soldier.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS WILL PROVE OF LASTING VALUE

Probably no work being done by government instrumentalities will leave a more lasting or more helpful influence on Newport News and its suburban territory than that under the direction of Major S. R. Grubbs, in charge of the United States Public Health Service at Newport News, working in close co-operation with the Newport News Department of Health. The city has established a detention home for unfortunate females on a

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Health conditions, both in the several military camps and among the civilian population, are generally good, frequent reports of an outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Newport News were exaggerated. There have been but seven cases, reported among the civilian population, five in December and two in January. Prompt steps were taken to isolate these cases, and an apprehension exists of any spread of the disease. There have been a few cases among the soldiers, but at no time has the situation been alarming. At one time a very considerable outbreak of measles and mumps existed in the camps, but these epidemics have apparently exhausted themselves. Some pneumonia exists, but the death rate has been low.

A work of large permanent worth to Newport News is being done under the direction of Dr. Herman W. Snidow, of the United States Department of Public Health, but at one time State Health Commissioner Edmund Knapp's right-hand man in the war on the anopheles mosquito, that variety of the "vampire" which inoculates the unsuspecting victim with the malaria "bug" of Dr. Snidow won his spurs in the war on the malaria mosquito at Kress, Va., and with equal success and value to the community at Wilson, Va., on the Norfolk and Western Railway.

DR. SNIDOW IS WAGING WAR ON MALARIA MOSQUITO

Dr. Snidow has recently been engaged in making a survey of several suburban sections about Newport News, locating the breeding places of the disease-bearing mosquito. In the course of which he has found the anopheles army he and his associates have called on 235 families in recent weeks, finding therein 132 active cases of malaria. Treatment was furnished free to these persons in order to reduce the number of malaria carriers. In a few weeks a systematic campaign will be begun for the draining of all stagnant ponds and mudholes in the territory adjacent to all of the military activities of the government. Such ponds as may not be economically drained will be walled off to prevent them from becoming breeding places for the anopheles family. The result of this work will doubtless be to rid the entire suburban territory from malaria.

So emphatically has the value of such antimalarial work been demonstrated by Dr. Snidow and other workers in Virginia following the methods of Dr. H. R. Carter, assistant surgeon-general of the United States Army, that local health authorities everywhere should and doubtless will conduct similar campaigns.

STREETS UPKEEP A SERIOUS PROBLEM TO MEET

Among the problems which great activity and great prosperity have thrust upon Newport News has been the one of street maintenance and improvement. The recent unfavorable weather conditions have turned the unpaved streets almost into quagmires, while the few paved streets, under the strain of a tremendously increased traffic and suffering considerably from lack of repairs, threaten to wear out. Provision has been made by the City Council for the linking of Camp Hill and Camp Stuart by means of a paved street of permanent construction, which will result in relieving the conditions to a considerable extent.

One hears in Newport News the usual reports of the extravagance and waste resultant from the cost plus system of building military camps. Similar reports as to wastefulness in handling

food at the army camps also are circulated as one hears of the camp communities. Traced to their origin, one, of course, is compelled to admit that the cost plus system has resulted in very considerable expenditures, that might have been eliminated—but this one great object, the quick erection of the necessary buildings, supply depots, and other essential buildings has been accomplished. As to the waste of food at the camps, the truth seems to be that Uncle Sam has recruited eaters faster than he has been able to procure well-trained cooks. The result necessarily has been some waste. Conditions, however, seem to be generally improving as the men in charge of preparing the food gain in practical experience.

BUNKER CONDITIONS ARE AGAIN AT NORMAL

While the writer may not properly discuss shipping conditions at Newport News, it may be said that the bunker coal situation is again at normal. With the increase of horse shipments by the United States government those of the British government have been considerably diminished.

The British horse pens, which fully 100 acres of ground, the larger part of them being on what is known as the Point, have been fully a half-million horses have left the United States from the port of Newport News since the outbreak of the war in 1914.

Not only is there great activity at and about Newport News, but the entire Peninsula is a veritable hive of industry and activity. Hampton with its new shipyard turning out ships for the government, and with its numerous other activities, is forging rapidly to the front, while three miles away the government is developing the Langley aviation field, destined to be the greatest of the greatest in America, and one of the greatest in the world. At Fort Monroe coast artillerymen are receiving daily practice, while across the water at the old Jamestown Exposition grounds thousands of men are engaged in creating the great naval base. Then at Pigeon Point great machine warehouses are being erected, and wharves are to be built, all to assist making of the Hampton Roads territory one of the most intensely military and naval areas in the world.

EIGHTY MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT AT PENNIMAN

Another great enterprise which has boomed large in recent weeks is the Du Pont plant at Penniman, on the York River, five miles from Williamsburg. Here 4,000 men will be employed as fast as they can be recruited in munition work. It is said that this plant has an \$80,000,000 contract to build, too, a large number of homes and quarters for the accommodation of the employees. It is understood that the Du Ponts will at once erect 500 cottage homes there similar to those erected by them in Hopewell.

Interest has been revived in the early building of the Washington-Newport News short line railway on cause of the military value of the line, which would not only open up a large territory in the Randolph section and Northern Neck sections of Virginia, now without railway facilities, but would give Washington quick rail communication both with the Indian Head proving ground and with the port of embarkation here. That such a road would prove a military asset of large value is admitted by military authorities. Changing M. Vard of Richmond, one of the originators of the plan, recently visited Newport News, in connection with the new railroad enterprise.



THIS IS A WOMAN'S WAR AS WELL AS A MAN'S WAR

In every country at war women are performing the work of men in many occupations. They will sometimes do the heavier work for which they are supposed to be unfitted. It all depends on a woman's health and condition. If a woman is weak, tired and listless all the time, due to the weaknesses or diseases of womanhood, it will be impossible for her to take her place among the brave American women who are rendering aid in every way to the men at the front. This is the proper time for every woman to "put her house in order" and to gain in strength and energy.

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It is equally self-evident that under conditions now obtaining and likely to obtain in railroad and investment circles for years after the war, prospects for private enterprise constructing an extensive and expensive railroad are not good, making it necessary for the government to do the work of it is to be done at all.

Reflecting improved realty conditions in Newport News, although there is no such thing as a boom in progress, a considerable amount of real estate is changing hands, including some of the high-priced business property. The most recent of such transactions was the sale of the Pochontas Hotel property, owned by D. S. Jones, at \$55,000, and the Harwood building, owned by Edmund Harwood, \$31,000. Quite a number of citizens who have been renting are taking the advantage of present increased earnings to purchase homes.

MOTHER AT SIXTY-THREE

New York Grocer Makes Statement About Age of Parent in Seeking Draft Exemption.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Joseph Arhany, a grocer, declared in an affidavit accompanying his questionnaire that his father and mother, natives of Turkey, were seventy-eight and sixty-three years of age, respectively, when their last child was born. Chairman Flato, of the local board, had the man's statement investigated, with the result that evidence was produced to prove his claim. Arhany was not exempted, as other children were shown to be able to care for their aged parents.

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